

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1259

Introduced by Assembly Member Arambula

February 27, 2009

An act to add Section 9114.5 to the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to area agencies on aging.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1259, as introduced, Arambula. Area agencies on aging: federal funding allocations.

Under existing law, the California Department of Aging administers the federal Older Americans Act in California. Pursuant to this federal act and the Older Californians Act, the department allocates federal funds, in accordance with prescribed funding formulas, to area agencies on aging in order to provide an array of services to seniors.

Existing regulations provide that, except as prescribed, specified federal Older Americans Act funds allocated to an area agency on aging that remain unencumbered or unexpended at the end of the fiscal year for which the allocation was made shall revert to the department for reallocation to the area agencies on aging.

This bill would, notwithstanding any other provision of law or regulation, permit an area agency on aging to carry over, for future use, any federal funds allocated to that agency pursuant to the federal Older Americans Act that remain unexpended or unencumbered at the end of the fiscal year for which the funds were allocated.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 9114.5 is added to the Welfare and
2 Institutions Code, to read:
3 9114.5. Notwithstanding any other provision of law or
4 regulation, the department shall permit an area agency on aging
5 to carry over, for future use, any federal funds allocated to that
6 agency pursuant to the federal Older Americans Act (42 U.S.C.
7 Sec. 3001, et seq.) that remain unexpended or unencumbered at
8 the end of the fiscal year for which the funds were allocated.

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